



*May 25, 2012*

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Health and Wellness Fair IS TODAY from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please be sure to attend for the opportunity to learn more about health risks, have your blood pressure and/or glucose level checked, get your eye glasses repaired and scratches buffed out, sample healthy food options, register for door prizes and free giveaways. Gifts will be available for the first 300 employees to stop by the registration table. See you there!

This week is **Public Works Appreciation Week**. I want to offer a big thank you to all of our public works employees for their **great work every day**. These departments include **Streets, Solid Waste, Water Management, Parks, and Engineering**. Our public works folks are really unsung heroes within our City team. They are out there at all hours in all conditions making sure: our streets are clean, clear and well-functioning; our street lights and traffic signals work; trash and recycling are pickup every week at every house and business; treating and distributing drinking water; taking away and treating wastewater; and the list goes on and on. **Thank you for all you do each day to make our community really “work.”**

This week was an eventful one for our mayor. **Mayor Moore was elected to serve as chair of the Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus**. The Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus was created in 2009 to convene city and county mayors from across middle Tennessee on important leadership issues for the region. The caucus includes approximately 40 city and county mayors from a 10 county region including Cheatham, Davidson, Maury, Montgomery, Robertson, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties. This 10-county area has a population of 1.67 million people, comprising 27% of Tennessee’s population. Mayor Dean from Nashville will continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Caucus.

Also, at this week’s **Power of Ten Summit** (a gathering of leaders from the 10 county region described above) **Mayor Moore** was given the **Leadership in Regional Thinking and Action Award**. **Mayor Moore was the only public sector recipient of this award**. This is a significant honor that speaks highly of Ken’s engagement, focus and leadership on important regional issues and the respect he has gained from his peers. **Congratulations Mayor Moore! We look forward to your continued leadership on important issues to Franklin and our region.**



If you have not heard by now, **Paul Holzen was named Franklin’s Director of Engineering** earlier this week. Paul Holzen has worked for the City of Franklin since 2009. He began with the City as an Engineer II, was promoted to Engineering Supervisor in 2010 and was selected to serve as Interim Director of Engineering in November 2011. Prior to working for the City, Paul worked as a consultant for five years doing Site Development and Transportation design for both private and public clients. He is a Professional Engineer (P.E.) and a LEED

Accredited Professional. Paul was chosen from 33 applicants, some as far away as the state of Washington. Paul is a valuable member of our team, who has proven to be an excellent leader of our Engineering Department over the past several months in the interim director role. I know Paul will continue to guide this fine team of professionals into a high-quality, high-performing team.

**Check out this nice email from a thankful citizen:**

**From:** SmithWatson, Lisa V  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2012 1:36 PM  
**To:** Shirley Harmon  
**Subject:** Citizen Follow Up

*I wasn't sure who to send this complimentary email. This morning I was involved in a 3 car pile-up at the Intersection of Cool Springs and Carothers Parkway. The firemen that arrived and the EMTs that arrived with ambulances were AWESOME. You were exception kind and concerned for my well-being. Please make sure that they receive this email. It can mean a lot for someone to take the time to say thank you. One of the EMTs was Julian. I can't recall the last name....he was great and didn't leave ER until he knew I ok.*

*Thank you,*

**Lisa Smith-Watson**

The firefighters who responded were **Tower 6 – Lt. Jeff Moss, Eng. Jon Krawczyk and FF-Paramedic Mark Hall, and Rescue 3 – FF's Kris Bull and Steven Holmes.** Staff believes the EMT named Julian she referred to must be employed by Williamson EMS, not FFD. Also the Franklin PD responded as well, thanks to **Officers Brad Brandon, Steve Rich, and Mark Sanchez.** Thank you to all for a job well done.

There's never a shortage of work to do in a garden. Weeds don't take vacations and they seem to grow a lot faster than veggies do. So getting a helping hand with garden work is a really good thing. This week, the market's **Growing Kids Educational Garden** got several helping hands. A team of volunteers from **Whole Foods Market** came out to work in the garden. Led by manager **Michael Martin**, the team tackled the weeds and cleared out an area for the kids to plant honeydew melons from seed donated by Whole Foods. This year the kids have a number of crops growing, including tomatoes watermelons, squash, beans, okra, potatoes and a garden patch just for bees and butterflies. Next week, some new residents will move into the garden as the kids release ladybugs and install the "worm factory" to help make compost for the garden. **The Growing Kids Educational Garden teaches kids about where their food comes from with hands-on lessons and activities. Volunteers like the ones from Whole Foods Market as well as donations of garden materials or funds help to keep the garden growing. Find out more about the Growing Kids Educational Garden on the market's website:**  
[www.franklinfarmersmarket.com](http://www.franklinfarmersmarket.com)

**Building and Neighborhood Services' Shanna McCoy is the NEW winner of the Mayor's parking spot** next week! **Eric Stuckey (me) nominated Shanna (And Ben Worley).** I said, "I received a very nice note from Mrs. Buck recognizing your excellent work with her in the flood buyout program. Your professionalism, dedication, patience, and care really came through in your work with Mrs. Buck. Thank you for your great work." Shanna will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, May 28-June 1. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklinton.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklinton.gov)** We have had many repeat Good Job Employees, think of someone who has not received this honor before and recognize their hard work...It doesn't have to be in City Hall!

The annual **Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 28, 2012, at 10:00 AM at Veterans Memorial Park located at Five Points in downtown Franklin.** The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes and limited seating will be provided along with free bottled water. Our special guests will be a color guard from **Delta Company, 1-327 Infantry, 101 Abn Div (AASLT)** based at Ft. Campbell KY. Other participants will include the **Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team, the Williamson County Community Band, The Tennessee Pipes Scots Band, The Preemptors Fife and Drum Corps,** and representatives from American Legion Post 22 and 215.

**Take some time this weekend to remember the meaning of Memorial Day as we honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to give us the freedoms we enjoy as Americans every day.**

**Have a nice weekend holiday weekend. Thank you for all you do!**

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